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There's no place like home

Care continues after patients leave hospital

By Scott Kelly
 Staff writer

Whatever ails you, St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Home Care Services is there for you.

Home Care Services, which includes At-Home Care, Home Health and Hospice of Madison County, provides services in the home from prenatal care through the bereavement process for a loved one.

Denise Saksa, Home Care services director, has been in nursing since 1978, and with SEMC since 1974.

"What drove me toward Home Care Services was the trends in nursing at that time: needing to know what happens to those patients when they get home," Saksa said. "Who takes care of them there, because their care needs are still evident and present. They had a lot of teaching needs."

Patients involved with home care run the gamut of illnesses and needs. "We see multifocus care in all areas," she said. Some include diabetic care, cancer, congestive heart failure, wounds, antibiotic therapy.

"What's happening is that hospital stays are so much more limited that people go home needing therapies that in the past they had in hospitals," said Marilyn Baumann, marketing coordina-



St. Elizabeth Home Health registered nurse Josie Noud, right, performs a free cholesterol screening for Barbara Rainwater of Granite City. Home Health nurses are just one part of SEMC's Home Care Services.

tor for SEMC. "They've taken the hospital setting and moved it into someone's home where they are more comfortable (and) they're in their own environment," Baumann said. Teaching is a large part of the care, Baumann said. Nurses can examine a patient's home environment and help them with lifestyle

changes that not only aid their recovery but help prevent future problems. For example, a patient can say he or she is eating right, but a home care nurse can open the fridge and see what really is on the patient's diet. "A patient can tell you they are eating a balanced diet, but if you look in my

cabinet and see pretzels, popcorn and soda, you know that's not happening," Baumann said. The nurses are independent, and they have to use good judgment in dealing with each patient. They serve as the doctor's eyes because a physician can't make house calls.

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SEMC meets many needs

St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Home Care Services covers all of Madison County and parts of St. Clair County. Services offered include the following:

At Home Care
 This care provides personal care for clients on a fee-for-service basis for the elderly, disabled and chronically ill. It includes:

- Certified nursing aids provide personal care and assist with light cooking and homemaking responsibilities.
- Companion homemakers provide attention, companionship, comfort and safety to clients.
- Respite care provides relief and crisis care for family caregivers of the developmentally disabled. The state of Illinois pays for this service if criteria for admission are met.

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Olive Jackson of Granite City waits as St. Elizabeth Home Health RN Laura Cox takes her blood pressure during a free screening held at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Williams sentenced

Judge gives convicted sex offender 50 years in prison

By Scott Kelly
 Staff writer

Remorse over Timothy Williams' vile crimes did not sway Judge J. Lawrence Keshner from sentencing Williams to 50 years in prison.

Keshner sentenced Williams, 33, of Granite City Thursday on eight counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault and two counts of child pornography. Two of the counts, 25 years each, are to be served consecutively. He was also sentenced to 25 years or less for each of the remaining counts, to be served at the same time as the 50-year sentence.

He had pled guilty in November 1996 to the charges, which eliminated the need for a jury trial. In exchange, the state's attorney's office wanted him sentenced to 50 years

'The harm you have caused... is staggering.'

Judge J. Lawrence Keshner to defendant Timothy Williams

instead of the maximum of 60. Williams begged Keshner to allow him to be castrated, so he could carry a physical scar the rest of his life, but Keshner said no. However, the judge said if Williams wanted to do it to himself, the court would not stop him.

"The harm you have caused is staggering," Keshner said before sentencing Williams.

Madison County Sheriff's deputies arrested Williams in (See WILLIAMS, Page 7A)

Chief upset with judge

Ruebhausen says actions 'demoralizing' to force

By Scott Kelly
 Staff writer

Chief Dave Ruebhausen has publicly accused Circuit Judge Edward Ferguson of reducing bonds or letting known and previously convicted drug dealers back on the street without posting a bond.

On Thursday, the Granite City Police Chief said he could see no recourse except to go public on Ferguson's recent actions.

Ruebhausen said he is upset about two cases in particular. The first involved a man already on intensive probation from Madison County for dealing drugs; and the second regarded two people arrested on five drug counts each. For all three people, Ferguson either reduced their bail to a small amount or eliminated it entirely.

"It's very demoralizing to officers," Ruebhausen said. "I'm upset, my guys are upset," Ruebhausen said.

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Despite repeated attempts, Ferguson could not be reached for comment by *Journal* press time Friday.

The Granite City Police Department built a case at the beginning of February against John Kudelka III for dealing drugs from his home. Kudelka was already on intensive probation from the county for dealing.

Neighbors of Kudelka called police and their aldermen about high amounts of short-term traffic at Kudelka's house. After Ruebhausen's detectives firmed up their case, they searched his house on Feb. 2.

Detectives discovered methamphetamines, scales, a large amount of cash and a loaded handgun. The police went to the state's attorney for warrants of possession with intent (See CHIEF, Page 5A)

City gets tough on bridge employees

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

VENICE

City officials in Venice are cracking down on residency requirements for employees working at the McKinley Bridge.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council approved giving the Bridge Committee subpoena powers to question employees on residency. It also gives workers a two-week "amnesty" period to come forward. Venice city employees are required to

live within the city limits. Mayor Tyrone Echols said there has been some question about residency on several of the 20 or so bridge employees.

One employee has admitted to living outside the city and promised to correct the problem. However, Echols said city officials

believe several employees have not been honest about where they live.

By giving the committee additional powers, he said they can compel the employees to be truthful or face the consequences.

"That's just like in court," he said. "If you lie you can be prosecuted." In other bridge-related news, Echols told the council that it looks like his threat to close the McKinley Bridge if roadbed conditions became too bad (See VENICE, Page 7A)

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NEWS

Ragsdale will not seek re-election

By Paul A. Brinkmann

Telegraph staff writer

Faced with an organized coup, Dr. Edward Ragsdale of Alton will not seek re-election as chairman of the Madison County Republican Central Committee.

Although Ragsdale, 58, said Thursday he was bowing out purely for personal reasons, his departure comes as Collinsville Republican David Tanzyus, 30, campaigns among Republican committee members for the chairman's spot. Ragsdale is backing another Republican, Jim Mihalich, 55, of Rosewood Heights.

Ragsdale's decision will result in the first new chairman for the county GOP organization since 1991. Before that, he was chairman from 1976 to 1986. Ragsdale said in an interview Thursday that he simply wants to spend more time with his family.

"I am not going to run. I have a lot of family situations right now and I want to turn over the reins. I will still be involved to help candidates and things like that," he said.

Tanzyus, however, said he believes Ragsdale realized change was coming.

"I think I have the support among the party's members," Tanzyus said.

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David Tanzyus
Collinsville Republican

The election for chairman will be held March 30 at the annual convention at the County Courthouse in Edwardsville.

Ragsdale, chairman of the radiology department at Alton Memorial Hospital, has steered the committee during fairly bleak times for Madison County Republicans. Republicans held just two of 29 Madison County Board seats and only one of seven countywide offices.

Tanzyus attacked that record in the interview.

"Our central committee is in disarray," he said. "We had committees, but they would never convene. We would start looking for candidates a week before filing deadlines in a willy-nilly manner."

He said Republicans no longer give to the county organization because they

think "it's a waste of money."

Tanzyus is part owner of Gateway Business Services accounting firm in Highland and St. Louis. He promised to revamp the county Republican Party from the ground up, starting with block captains.

"We need to take the pressure off the precinct committee members," Tanzyus said.

Ragsdale said he did not know of any formal candidates for the chairmanship except for Mihalich. Mihalich was appointed last summer by Gov. Jim Edgar as public administrator/public guardian for Madison County. He is former executive vice president of the River Bend Growth Association and retired early as a manager with Ameritech in 1994.

Mihalich said he believes he can best lead the Republicans.

He said he would like to restructure the party internally, appoint new faces and form new committees to research demographics and screen Republican candidates while trying to appeal to a broader base of young people and independent voters.

He said he would establish a "watchdog" committee to monitor activities of taxing bodies like the Madison County Health Department and Transit District.

Democrat to challenge Shimkus

By Paul Mackie

Telegraph staff writer

A Gillespie attorney will make an official announcement Monday of his plans to oppose U.S. Rep. John Shimkus in the November general election.

Democrat Rick Verticchio, 44, said he will hold a press conference in Springfield in the morning and one in Edwardsville in the afternoon. Specific times have not yet been set.

"We're excited. We're going to give (Shimkus) a run," Verticchio said.

"I think people in the 20th

District need to be offered a choice."

Verticchio plans to outline his Democratic philosophies at the press conferences.

Verticchio said he is pleased to have received major endorsements from U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and Illinois Sen. Vince Demuzio.

Since Verticchio will not officially announce his campaign until eight days before the March 17 primary election, he will declare as a write-in candidate.

Even if Verticchio fails to receive the required number of write-in votes, he hopes to be placed on the ballot.

Converse set to compete for crown



Jaime Converse

Jaime Converse, 22, formerly of Granite City and the current Miss Florida, will compete in the Miss USA pageant on the evening of March 10 on CBS Television (locally KMOV-TV Channel 4).

Most of Converse's family and friends live in the Granite City area, and they'll be tuning in to root for her. Viewers can also vote for Converse online at www.missusa.com.

Converse and her parents moved to Gainsville, Fla. in 1989, where she earned a degree in political science at the University of Florida. She was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society, and a recipient of the Walt Disney World Scholarship program and the Florida Academic Achievement program.

She was named Miss Florida USA last June after competing with 48 other women in Miami. If she wins the Miss USA title, she will be eligible to compete in the Miss Universe competition.

Republican leaders look for party reform

By Paul A. Brinkmann

Telegraph staff writer

The two men vying to become the new chairman of the Madison County Republican Central Committee have at least one thing in common — both have been involved in losing campaigns for public office.

That is one reason why David Tanzyus, 30, of Collinsville, and Jim Mihalich, 55, of Rosewood Heights, want to change the way the Republican Party functions here.

"We lack a central organization to support Republican candidates," Tanzyus said. "We need to target seats and organize fund-raising, establish a voter database."

Tanzyus ran for state sena-

tor in 1994 against incumbent Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, and for County Board in 1996 against incumbent James Fitzgerald, D-Collinsville.

Mihalich ran in 1996 for state representative against incumbent Steve Davis, D-Bethalto. The two Republicans are both precinct committeemen in their hometowns.

They will square off March 30 in an election among county Republican committee members.

Both men said in separate interviews Thursday they want to end the Democratic Party's long-standing dominance of county government.

Just two of 29 Madison County Board seats are held by the GOP, Treasurer Nill Aery is

the only Republican countywide officeholder out of seven offices.

"Nepotism and cronyism are inherent when you have a single party in power for so long," Mihalich said.

"There is a tendency for it to become a dictatorial, machine-oriented government."

Mihalich said he believes the Republican Party has missed many opportunities in recent years to make progress.

He said Democrats bumbled last fall's vote to extend MetroLink into Madison County, have voted themselves large pay increases and pensions and have notoriously hired family members over other qualified candidates.

Tanzyus, on the other hand, stressed that the Central Committee must work harder to be a support network for Republican candidates and not play the role of a political mouthpiece.

Tanzyus said he believes there are plenty of opportunities to criticize the Democratic Party but he said he would rather have more elected Republicans to make the case.

"Things like that need to be addressed but until you get the voices on the board, you can squawk all you want and it won't matter," Tanzyus said.

Tanzyus said he has personally been frustrated with the lack of support offered by the Republican Party.

Felony charges served to three local residents

Felony charges were handed down Thursday by the State's Attorney's office against the following local residents:

• Christopher J. McNeish was charged on one count of class four felony of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, which was less than 15 grams of cocaine; and he was

charged on one count of class four obstruction of justice by destroying evidence. Bail was set at \$25,000.

• Vickie D. Frances, 35, was charged with one count of class four unlawful possession of a controlled substance on Oct. 21, 1997 in the form of less than 15 grams of cocaine.

Bail was set at \$30,000.

• Matthew K. Sexton, 24, was charged with one count of class four unlawful use of a weapon for carrying a Ruger model P89DC handgun at a time when he was not at his home, on his land or at his place of business on Feb. 9. Bail was set at \$25,000.

Fire, rescue training set at Gateway

More than 100 fire and rescue workers are taking a unique training class this weekend at Gateway International Raceway in Madison.

Many of the firefighters and rescuers work major events at Gateway. The class is taught by an organization affiliated with Charlotte Motor Speed-

way. Ken Farmer, director of Fire Rescue Training for North Carolina Community Colleges, has been teaching the class around the country since developing the course in 1981 at the request of officials at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

A racetrack is a different world, he said, where the fires and injuries are different than those found on the street.

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Park still selling bricks for walk

The Walk of Memories in Wilson Park, one of the Granite City Park District's most popular programs, is continuing to sell bricks for the walk.

The first order of 350 memorial bricks have been installed, and sales are continuing. The Park District plans to install an additional 600 bricks at the tulip garden located at the Delmar and 27th streets entrance to Wilson Park, now known as the Walk of Memories.

Individuals, businesses and groups may still purchase a 4 by 8 inch brick for \$75 or a larger, 8 by 8 inch brick for \$150.

As the program continues to generate interest, the district intends to extend the brick and concrete walkways into garden leading to the garden gazebo and fountain area.

The front page photo in the March 7 Journal had implied no more bricks were being sold. The Journal regrets the error.

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Signall

THOMAS G. SIGNALL, 73, of Brentwood, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Friday, March 6, 1998, at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis.

Mr. Signall was born on Oct. 25, 1924, in Gray, Iowa. He had been retired from Coca Cola Co. as a lease manager, a member of the American Legion Post 3101. He was in a U.S. Army World War II Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Signall; two sons, Thomas Signall and Steven Signall both of Granite City; three daughters, Marie Sullivan of Creve Coeur, Mo., Susan Metz and Karen Noll both of Granite City; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Sadie (Shoemaker) Signall; and one sister, Elaine Ivy.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, March 8, at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Monday, March 9, at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City, with Rev. David Fielding officiating. Mr. Signall will be cremated.

Memorials may be made to the Hope Lutheran Church in Granite City.

Christopher Champion

CHRISTOPHER G. CHAMPION, 40, of Madison died Friday, March 6, 1998, at Christian Northeast Hospital.

Mr. Champion was born on Oct. 10, 1957, in Granite City. He had been in advertising at the Press Record and later in security at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Survivors include his mother, Margaret (Aldridge) Champion of Madison; one daughter, Amy Champion of Welchville; and one sister, Margaret Dawdy of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Champion, and one brother, Terry Champion.

Visitation will be from 7 p.m. Monday, March 9, at Warner Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. Alan Redfern officiating. Burial will be private.

Kathryn Bloodworth

KATHRYN "KITTY LOU" L. BLOODWORTH, 76, of Oklahoma City, Okla., died at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 1998, at Eden Village in Edwauddale.

Mrs. Bloodworth was a homemaker and a member of the Niederrhein United Methodist Church in Granite City.

Survivors include two daughters, Lois Holsinger of Collinsville and Arlene Johnson of Belleville; one stepdaughter, Marlene Wood of Lombard; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Eberhard Krueschek; her second husband, William Elchack; her parents, Herman and Sarah (Miller) Gattung; and one sister, Gladys Broughton.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, March 9, at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 9, at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City, with the Rev. James Hahn officiating. Burial will be in Valhalla Chapel of Memories in St. Louis.

Memorials can be made to the donor's choice.

Joe Hamilton Jr.

JOE HAMILTON JR., 85, of St. Louis died Monday, March 2, 1998, at Riverside Pavilion Care Center in St. Louis.

Survivors include his mother, Anna Hamilton of Glen Carbon; one daughter, JoAnne Hamilton Parks; five sons, Keith Hamilton, Vincent Hamilton, Ronald Hamilton, Finley Hamilton and William Hamilton; two sisters, Doris Brown of Madison and Beatrice Hamilton of Glen Carbon; one brother, Harold Johnson of Glen Carbon; and six grandchildren.

Services were Friday, March 6, at the Officer Funeral Home, 515 E. East Capitol in East St. Louis, with the Rev. Jerome Jackson officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Catherine Pavin

CATHERINE E. PAVIN, 93, of St. Genevieve died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1998, at St. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital. She was born Sept. 4, 1904, in Enfield.

Map Paper member of the American Legion Auxiliary, VFW

Kay Eichacker

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Mr. Muth was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Vancouver, Wash.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen; his mother, Anna (Fiedeman) Muth of Britton, S.D.; one son, Phillip Muth of Sacramento, Calif.; two daughters, Janet Shinkus of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Karen Muth of Collinsville; two grandsons, David and Joshua Shinkus of Collinsville; one sister, Marya Koch of Warsaw, Ind.; and one brother, Myron Muth of Britton, S.D.

He was preceded in death by his father, Philip Muth, and two brothers, Quinton Muth and Ronald Muth.

A graveside service was held Thursday, March 5, at the Lutheran Cemetery. A memorial service was held after the funeral at St. John's Lutheran Church in Vancouver, Wash.

Memorials can be made to the St. John's Lutheran Church, Carillon Hymn Selections or to Southwest Washington Hospice.

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Survivors include her children, Thomas M. Pavin, John Alms and Marvin Pavin, all of St. Genevieve; Thomas A. Pavin of Godfrey; Eugene Pavin of Bryan, Ohio; and Melvin Pavin, two sisters, Mildred Dallas and Rosalia Gum, both of Granite City; one brother, Daiman Caffrey of Granite City; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred Pavin; her parents, James and Anna (Unfried) Caffrey; three sons, Adrian, Justin and James Pavin; and two sisters, Anna Pavin and Juliana Schmidt.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Church of St. Genevieve, with the Rev. John Oaken and Deacon George Wood officiating. Burial was in Valle Spring, Catholic Church.

Stanton-Wood Mortuary handled the arrangements.

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Roxana proposes end of union in police force

By Paul A. Brinkmann
Telegraph staff writer

Roxana officials, led by Mayor Kay Spencer, have filed a unique proposal to unilaterally end union representation in the Roxana Police Department.

An angry group of residents and union members crowded into the Rox-Arena Monday night to oppose the proposal and present to the Village Board a petition bearing 372 signatures.

Citing a little-known state law, the village board voted unanimously Feb. 16 to decertify representation by United Steelworkers of America Local 9189.

Spencer and Village Attorney Leonard Berg said state law allows municipalities to cease recognizing unions if they have fewer than 35 employees.

"It's a money issue," Spencer said. "We are in very serious financial straits. We aren't flat broke now, but we could be soon."

Union officials have challenged Spencer's and Berg's opinion and say they will fight the village all the way to state court, if necessary.

"This is what the union movement is all about," said Frank Cavaretta of the United Steelworkers. "I know of no other community that's attempting this."

Roxana and other local governments are negotiating with Shell Wood River Refining Co. over the refinery's request for a 47 percent cut in its assessed property value this year.

Officials said an agreement to allow the cut is close to being accepted, but payments from Shell to ease the impact on schools and governments may be included.

The cut in Shell's property

value would literally decimate Roxana's budget, Spencer said. A smaller cut was absorbed several years ago.

Cavaretta said finances don't appear to be the real issue to him.

"We have asked for raises of 30 cents an hour for three years," he said. "That's a proposal that recognizes that the village has an argument about their finances."

The village's general fund stands at \$555,935. Of that, \$327,035 funds the police department. The total village budget is \$3.17 million.

Spencer said the village has 27 employees, counting administrators. She said the state law doesn't even recognize administrative employees in the count.

The mayor said the village recognized the union in 1991 in a voluntary resolution.

"It allows for termination by either party," she said.

Union members said they believe the recognition is final and irrevocable.

Spencer said all other village employees have had their wages frozen. She said the union would not accept the wage freeze and would not agree to support a tax increase referendum for officers only.

Union members said Spencer and the Village Board are the ones who should shoulder the responsibility for any needed tax increases.

The union's contract expired in April 1997. Temporary contracts and negotiations have dragged on all year.

William "Bubba" Webber, president of Local 9189, said the village has wasted thousands of dollars on consultants and attorneys that could have paid for the police wage increase.

"I think the Village Board has grossly underestimated that Roxana and Madison County residents have zero tolerance for union-busting," Webber said.

Spencer said she has no criticism of the police officers.

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NEWS

Local leaders optimistic about MetroLink's impact

By Jason White
Staff writer

Local officials and civic leaders see economic development on the horizon when they look at MetroLink's impact on the East St. Louis area.

When the extension to Belleville Area College is complete in 2001, it will include three stations in East St. Louis and one in Washington Park. Housing and retail developments are planned near each station.

"The important thing to East St. Louis is to get people coming through there... and to take advantage of economic development opportunities at each station," State Sen. James F. Clayborne Jr. (D-Bellefonte) said.

Clayborne said he is working with local officials to make the plans a reality.

"Hopefully, we can come up with something that will provide jobs as well as the growth and security that will revitalize the city," Clayborne said.

Greater East St. Louis Chamber of Commerce Manager Norman Ross said he and the federal Enterprise Community's business and tourism focus groups are planning to promote the area's tourism potential.

"Your major impact is going to be from the tourism and convention industries," Ross said. "That's one of your major businesses in the state of Illinois now."

MetroLink will also unify the region, Ross said.

"This is going to be a symbolic unification of the area, and it's actually going to enhance the St. Louis area looking at itself as a real metropolitan powerhouse," he said.

The extension to BAC includes 17.4 miles of double-track rail with eight stations. The extension will cost \$339 million, with \$244 million from the federal government and \$95 million from a one-half

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Chamber manager

cent sales tax approved in 1993. Congress has appropriated \$69.6 million for the BAC extension.

The extension to MidAmerica Airport will cost about \$88 million with \$70 million in federal dollars.

The B. State Development Agency estimates that by 2010, about 15,000 commuters will board each day at the Metro East's stations. The 5th and Missouri station in East St. Louis is currently one of the system's busiest stations.

patients are assisted with personal care such as bathing and light meal preparation.

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Services

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Home Health

This service enables patients to recover in the comforts of their home. It includes the following disciplines:

- Skilled nursing care — staff members teach patients and caregivers, and perform physician-prescribed treatments.
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Chief

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to deal and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Bond was set at \$200,000.

"This is not a kid with a small amount of pot," Ruebhausen said. "He's a convicted drug dealer on probation still practicing his 'trade,' especially with a gun."

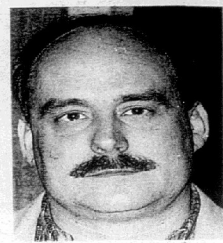
Ferguson took the three charges and the probation warrant and reduced the bond to \$5,000. He posts bond and is out on the sixth of February.

Kudelka must still face the charges, but in the meantime is free.

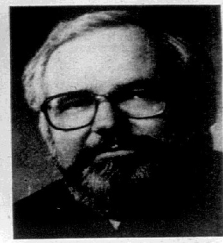
After what happened early this week, Ruebhausen said he could stay silent no longer.

Police built up cases against Karen S. Gooch and Howard E. Gooch Jr. Both have five counts each against them for unlawful possession of a controlled substance or possession with intent to deliver. Bond for each was set at \$100,000.

Karen was released Monday (March 2) by Ferguson after posting no bond," Ruebhausen said. Howard Gooch was brought before Ferguson on Wednesday for a bond reduction hearing with Gooch's



Chief Dave Ruebhausen



Judge Edward Ferguson

lawyer, but no representation from the state's attorney's office was present.

"Howard is wanted on a felony warrant — he's not even been arrested," Ruebhausen said. Howard Gooch was released with no bond.

One of Ruebhausen's detectives just happened to be in Edwardsville Wednesday and saw Howard Gooch walking free. If he hadn't seen him, the police would not have known

Gooch was free.

"If they're not going to adhere to the bonds set on the warrants, then... just release them all," Ruebhausen said. If Ferguson would stick to the bonds on the warrants, Ruebhausen said, he would have no problem.

Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine, whose office issues the felony charges, could not be reached for comment Friday.

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"Teamwork is highly important because not only (do) nurses act as the case manager in home health, but then they also need to coordinate services with the other disciplines involved," Saksa said.

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specialized home care training," Baumann said.

Other nurses are certified to deal with patients who are recovering at home with various types of wounds. A lot of people receive care for that, because they do not have the option to stay in the hospital while the wound heals, she

said.

"There are more changes coming on the health care horizon with Medicare changes and reimbursement cuts," Saksa said. Yet Home Care Services will be there to help those who are unaware of their options or how to access the system.

Let's Talk REAL ESTATE
by Jerry Besserman & Tina Stanley
Realtors

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(Continued from Page 1A) has generated some interest, but no repair money yet. In January, Echols told the council that if major repairs are not made on the western approaches of the bridge, it could be unsafe in as little as

five years, while bridge consultant Tom Fields said the pavement could go out in as little as six months.

"It looks like we're starting to get a little attention, but nobody's coming forward with

any money," Echols said. He said previously he has met with state and federal officials about the condition of the bridge. He said needed improvements would cost in the neighborhood of \$10 million to \$15 million.

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Training has been developed to train workers for proper response to rural accidents. The training includes classroom work, videos, farm tours, modular demonstrations, and hands-on extrications using mannequins in real-life scenarios.

The University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service will be offering this training on the weekend of March 14 and 15. The site will be the Southern Illinois Soil Lab in Hamel. The fee of \$35 covers training materials for the two-day program. One prerequisite exists for the course: All participants must have a working knowledge and background in EMS/rescue/fire service.

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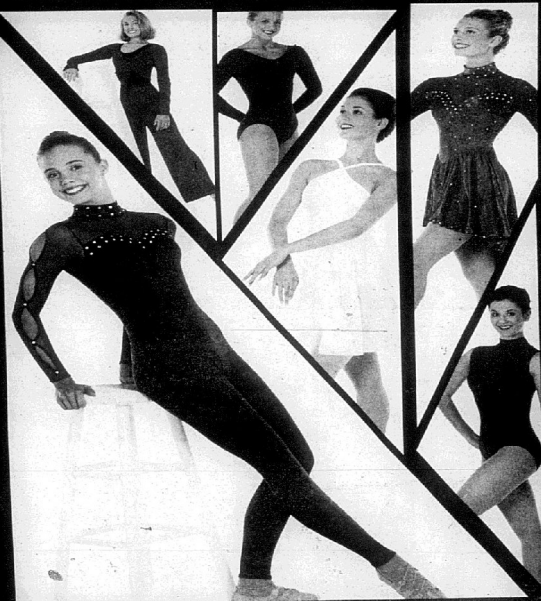
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Williams

(Continued from Page 1A) 1996 after his wife discovered sexually explicit pictures and videotapes of children under in a bag belonging to Williams. Sheriff's Detective Rosalie Huebener testified Thursday that Williams had given the six children alcohol, cigarettes and dope, and would perform sexual acts with them and make them do so between each other.

Further evidence was viewed by Keshner and the two attorneys before the sentencing.

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Keshner ordered all the evidence impounded.

Assistant State's Attorney Rich Rybak, presenting the case for the state, said he did not think anybody could make up for the "evil and vile acts" that Williams did.

It was "worse than a murder case," Rybak said, because the six children will feel the effects of Williams' whole lives. Already, their school work is suffering and one of the children is very hostile towards men, he added.

Attorney Thomas Hildebrand brought Williams and Williams' mother, Arlene Williams of Madison, to the stand to speak for the defendant. A sobbing Williams, wearing striped prison garb and hand and leg cuffs, said, "I don't

see how a man could be so far gone to do this."

He said he had discovered God while in prison and wanted to do anything he possibly could to help the children he had hurt. He did not deny his guilt, and knew he had to be punished.

"I asked the Lord to bring my son to his knees. I'm sorry it took this," Williams' mother said, referring to Williams' arrest and imprisonment bringing him back under control.

Because of that, his apparent remorse, his never causing any trouble in prison for the past two years, and not wasting the court's time with "spurious" motions, Hildebrand argued for a lesser sentence of 20 to 25 years. Hildebrand also acknowledged that criminals such as Williams are targets of other inmates in prison.

"The court finds you do have some rehabilitation potential, but a minimum sentence would deprecate the seriousness of your crime," Keshner said.

Hildebrand said Williams will appeal the 50-year sentence, but said he was unsure if he would represent Williams. Williams remains in Madison County Jail until being assigned a prison. He will receive credit for the 788 days of time he has already served.

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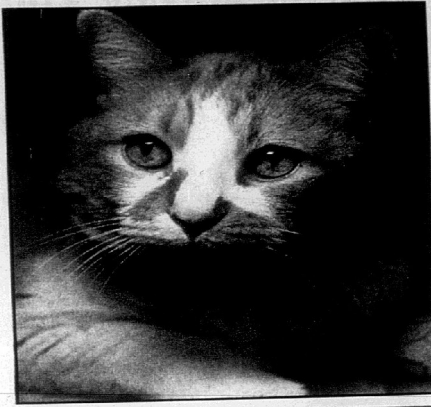
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By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Imagine walking into an unfamiliar house. The furniture is in spots that you don't know about. Sofa beds are pulled out and footstools are laying in the middle of the floor. People are in the bedrooms but you don't know exactly where. Alarms are ringing and there are two additional factors: smoke and fire filling the house.

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The guys have to be dedicated because they aren't doing it for the almighty dollar. (Volunteering) takes away from their free time and their family," Fairview Fire Chief Don Fisher said.

"We have a pretty low turnover rate (among the volunteers). Because of the training, somebody doesn't come in here and leave — they stay at least six to seven years," Fisher said. "It's an investment."

Over the years, the departments have increased training with advanced technology, equipment, and apparatus. The norm for departments is to require their firefighters to achieve the Firefighter I level with an accredited college, giving them the minimum level of training required.

"Equipment certainly has

improved," Signal Hill Fire Chief Greg Rinder said. "Some of the high-tech tools weren't here 20 years ago. Even five years ago, we never thought of having thermal imagers. It was a pipe dream."

The thermal imagers allow firefighters to spot a fire through a small monitor which senses heat. Persons and heat sources can be spotted without causing serious damage to a building.

Swansea Fire Chief John McGuire agrees that the level of training and technology has soared to new levels.

"It makes it more efficient," he said.

Belleville Area College provides a fire science program for full-time, part-time, and volunteers in Illinois. The two-year curriculum allows firefighters to obtain an associate of applied science degree after taking 66 semester hours of credit. The degree enables the firefighter to be certified by the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The community has also been behind their fire departments, the firefighters said.

"Our community supports us 100 percent," McGuire said.

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- Voters demand and deserve personal contact which I will deliver.
- Your suggestions and concerns will constantly be my number one priority.

One question I keep hearing is, "Why run for County Board?" The answer is really simple and can be summed up by the following thoughts:

- I think I offer a fresh new look at County government
- I think I can do a better job representing you the people of the 22nd District
- I do feel compelled to run out of a sense of duty and desire.

With my motives clearly outlined, I am humbly asking each and every voter of the 22nd District to vote for me on March 17th. I will keep the needs of the 22nd District as my guideline while serving on the County Board. I will continue to stay in touch with my constituency. And last but certainly not least, I will try to effect the change required to help Madison County into the 21st Century.

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Linking Indiana to East Side

Since Indiana is our neighbor, I thought I'd pass along a few observations, and if you are patient, I'll tie them to the East St. Louis school board decision to close Lincoln High and move its students to the East St. Louis Senior High School building.

No need to dwell upon the recent actions of Indiana men's basketball coach Bob Knight in a home defeat to the University of Illinois. By now, you should be aware the Big Ten Conference had the opportunity to discipline "The General" for his actions related to three technical fouls and an ejection amassed while berating referee Ted Valentine.

The point is that if you think pro athletes should be role models, it's about time the same level of recognition be placed on the collegiate folks. In Indiana, you'd think the state university, for instance, would be a role model for high schools, but that's not necessarily the case, as I see it, and all fingers do not point to Knight.

Earlier in the basketball season, I had occasion to watch my daughter Beth play for Evansville's women's team against Indiana. Little did I know that one of the Hoosiers was facing a court trial for breaking a beer bottle across a woman's face during a scuffle last summer in a Keokuk, Iowa, tavern.

The player, 20-year-old junior guard Dani Thrush, was sentenced to two years in prison with all but 30 days suspended and also fined \$1,500 in addition to having to pay \$963 in restitution to the woman whose face required 16 stitches.

Amazingly, the district judge ruled that Thrush would not have to serve the sentence until after the spring semester — a fact that allowed Indiana to use her in all of its games this season.

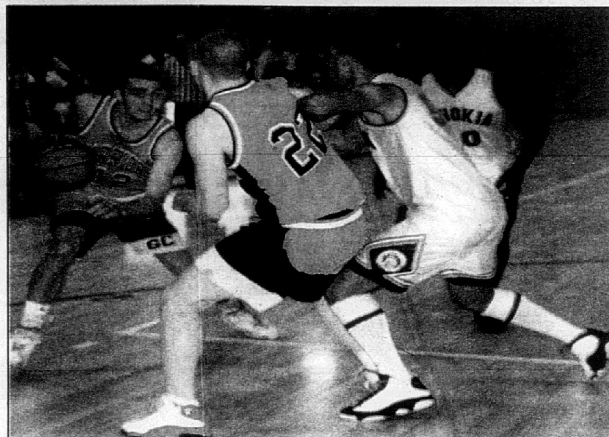
While that may seem insignificant — even though Thrush had a hand in an upset of the nationally ranked University of Illinois women — no one seemed to mind that the playmaker had received two years probation in 1994 for breaking another woman's nose in a fight.

With such events making the news for Indiana, who can be surprised by the recent actions at Martinsville, Ind. High where that school's nationally ranked boys basketball team has been sanctioned for a racial incident.

Before, during and after a game against Bloomington North, racial slurs were directed at the visiting team, which also had to endure having bird

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End of the line



The Granite City boys basketball team saw its season end last Tuesday night with a 57-51 loss to Cahokia in the Class AA regional tournament. The Warriors finished 11-16. ABOVE: Granite City's Tim Wallace drives toward the basket while teammate Matt Pistorius sets a pick on a Cahokia player. AT RIGHT: Granite City's Dustin Brewer (50) fires a shot after grabbing a rebound against Cahokia's DeMarcus Brown (32).



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Four Granite City players named to MVCHA All-Star roster

Special to the Journal

Four players from the Granite City Warriors of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association (Southern Conference) will be on the ice for the annual All-Star Game, Sunday, March 22, at the East Alton Ice Arena.

The starting time is scheduled for 8:45 p.m.

Among the Warriors' representatives is senior goalie Robbie Slater. Slater led all Southern Conference goalies

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with a 1.52 goals-against average. His save percentage was .920, facing 274 shots and allowing only 20 goals. Robbie is the only senior goalie nominated to the All-Star team.

Granite City placed a trio of forwards on the team.

Senior captain Vince Whittenburg was second in points for the Warriors, and finished fifth in the Southern Conference. He tallied 11 goals and 9

assists (20 points).

Sophomore alternate captain Bobby Meszaros led the Warriors and the Southern Conference in points. He scored 13 points and passed out 13 assists (26 points) in 14 games. Meszaros also made a name for himself by receiving no penalties on the year.

Freshman Greg Pritchard was sixth on the Warriors' point list with five goals and six assists (11 points).

Warriors coach Paul Solberger will lead the Southern Conference All-Stars

from the bench. The Warriors, 8-2-2 in the conference and 11-2-2 overall, finished first for the regular season.

Two additional Warriors, sophomores David Svezia and John Stordahl, received honorable mention recognition on the All-Star team. Svezia was the team's third-leading goal scorer (7) and was eighth in points. Stordahl was fifth overall in points (11).

The All-Star game will cap off a

(See HOCKEY, Page 4B)

Lincoln motivated by history

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The year was 1989. East St. Louis Assumption High School was going to close its doors for good at the end of the school year.

But not before the Assumption boys basketball team made its first and only trip to the IHSA state tournament.

Assumption (24-8) was unheralded and unranked on the year, but nipped highly regarded Flora (27-4) 73-71 in triple overtime at the Charleston Super-Sectional, before falling to fourth-ranked Fairbury

PREP BASKETBALL

Prairie Central (28-1) 68-58 in the quarterfinals.

Ronald Woods' crew of Ian Stanback, Maurice Horton, Montell Dixon, Malcolm Hill and Ronald Scott played with a passion down the stretch — a passion that refused to lose.

The reason for that passion? "We want our last year to be historic," said Woods at the time.

Nearly a decade later, two East St. Louis teams find themselves in a similar situa-

(See LINCOLN, Page 3B)

Gilmore leads Tigers to win

By R.J. Gerber
Staff writer

In the end, a disastrous beginning was too much for the Alton Redbirds to overcome.

East St. Louis Lincoln, led by senior point guard Kevin Gilmore's career-best 21 points, held off Alton 69-59 Friday night to advance to the semifinals of the Collinsville Class AA Sectional.

While the 5-foot-9 Gilmore hit all four shots he took from the field in the first quarter, Alton was bumbling its way to 11 turnovers. The Redbirds committed 17 of their 19 giveaways by halftime, but only trailed 27-19.

"It's the same thing we've been saying all season and we never could get it right," Alton senior Jake Harmon said. "Coach (Ron Smith) told us what we needed to do to win all year and we get in the game and we can't do it."

Lincoln (19-6) gave one of its best performances of the season, converting 55 percent (26-for-47) from the field, while Gilmore made 7 of 11 from the

BOYS BASKETBALL

EAST ST. LOUIS LINCOLN 69, ALTON 59

floor and 4 of 5 from the free-throw line. He came into the game hitting 46 percent from the stripe.

"I haven't been having games like this, but I've got to play like this if we're going where we're going," Gilmore said. "I just felt good and Coach (Bennie Lewis) told me to keep shooting."

Third-seeded Lincoln advanced to Wednesday's sectional semifinal against No. 10 seed O'Fallon (15-14) at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Edwardsville (26-1), the No. 1 seed, meets fourth-seeded Collinsville (15-10) at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night.

Lincoln got 17 points and four blocks from 6-9 sophomore all-state center Darius Miles, 13 points from 6-2 guard Craig Brown and 12 from 6-5 forward Terrence Slater. The Redbirds targeted Brown and Slater in a triangle-and-two, but Gilmore foiled the gimmick.

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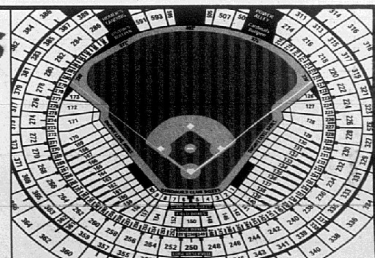


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Lincoln

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The District 189 School Board has decided that Lincoln will merge with East Side, creating one high school for the 1998-99 school year. Lincoln, as a distinct entity, will no longer exist. If anything special is going to happen, it must happen now.

Again there is a passion to make the last year historic. "It's sad to think that we're going to be the last Lincoln team," said all-state honorable mention guard Rita Adams. "But we're determined to go out with a bang and, hopefully, bring home a state championship. We want to do it for ourselves, but we also want to send the last senior class at Lincoln out on top."

The Lincoln girls team began that quest for a second state championship — the other was in 1960 — on Friday evening against 25-5 Quincy. The Tigerettes entered the game at 26-2 and still on a cloud following Monday night's emotional 70-67 overtime win against favored Taylorville.

In their favor, the Tigerettes are in the weaker bracket at Normal, top-ranked Chicago Marshall, second-ranked Wilmette Loyola Academy and always tough Galesburg are in the power-laden upper bracket, along with 30-game winner Lesle Benet Academy. In addition to Lincoln and Quincy, the lower brackets houses 28-2 Morris and 31-3 Orland Park Sandburg.

"What I've told the girls is that this will be the last graduating class from Lincoln, and that it would be nice to send the seniors out with something to remember," said Tigerettes coach Charles McDonald. "I'm a graduate of Lincoln, and I hate to see it close down, but these girls have worked very hard since we began practice in the fall and, now, we'd like to see all that hard work pay off."

— Rita Adams
Lincoln guard

But the Lincoln boys are also motivated. The 16-6 Tigers hosted 16-12 Alton for regional title on Friday. A win would give Bennie Lewis' boys another shot at Belleville East, the likely semifinal foe in the Collinsville Class AA Sectional held at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville.

Win or lose, Friday's game will be the last played at Lincoln's gym. The Tigers, who had never been to state prior to 1980, owned the state tournament between 1982 and 1989, winning four state titles (1982, '87, '88, '89) and three of them in succession to close the decade. In fact, the Tigers might have won yet another title in 1990 — their last trip to state — had Cuonzo Martin not been playing on a severely injured ankle which left him with little lateral movement and hardly any jumping ability. Lincoln lost in the semifinals to eventual champion Chicago King (60-49) before setting for a third-place finish.

The Tigers are hungry to end the eight-year drought and to return to the glory days of old. This may be the team to turn the Tigers' fortune, but this may not be the year.

Still, with four seniors and sensational sophomore Darius Miles in the lineup, the Tigers have enough talent top-to-bottom to upset the favorites. Toss in the added motivation of being the last team to wear the Lincoln uniform, and a sectional championship is well within reach.

When all is said and done, it could be an historic three week-end for East St. Louis Lincoln High School basketball teams.

Kahoks fell short in '78, marking end for Fletcher

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

March 18, 1978.

A date that shall live in infamy, at least as far as the Collinsville Kahoks faithful are concerned.

On that date, Vergil Fletcher coached his last game at Collinsville High School.

The Illinois coaching legend picked up the last win of his storied career that night in the IHSAA state tournament third-place game as his Kahoks routed Rockford East 96-65.

But, also on that date, Fletcher suffered his final defeat, a 55-53 semifinal heartbreaker to undefeated and eventual state champion Lockport Central.

The Kahoks had returned three starters from the 1977 team which had gone 30-0 before Chicago DeLaSalle's Dave Bonko banked in a jump shot with 3 seconds left to upset Fletcher's five 67-66 in the final quarterfinal game at Champaign.

All-American guard Kevin Stallings, who had struggled through the DeLaSalle game with a strained Achilles tendon, was joined on the '78 team by two other '77 starters: center John Belobaydic and forward Steve Ray.

Gone from the squad was graduated Joe Osola, whom Fletcher surprisingly called "the most consistent player I ever coached." But helping to fill the void were Rich George, Don Osborn and Gary Kerkeymeyer.

The '78 Kahoks arrived at Champaign ranked fifth in the state and standing 26-2 on the season. Collinsville had crushed Olney East Richard, coached by Ron Herrin, 79-58 in the Carbondale Super-Sectional. Fletcher's boys, who still on a roll Friday afternoon at the state tournament, swamping Northfield New Trier West 71-56 as Belobaydic scored 36 points and Stallings wowed the 14,000-plus spectators with 15 eye-popping assists.

In the second semifinal game, Lockport Central struggled to edge Ottawa 49-43.

It is that game, Fletcher said years later, that cost his team a win the next afternoon. "I never let my players watch our next opponent. I always felt that nothing good could ever come from it," said



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Fletcher. "But, after our win against New Trier West that afternoon, several of our players needed to get some money and other things from their parents. So, I went against my better judgment and let them go up in the stands. They were there through the first quarter."

"Lockport had this guy named Barbeauld, a Charles Barkley look-alike who was a power player. He had a dominant first quarter. He looked twice as mean and twice as strong as anyone our players had seen all year long. Our kids were really intimidated by this guy. And it carried over into our game the next afternoon. I don't think we ever recovered mentally from that experience."

"I never let my players watch our next opponent. I always felt that nothing good could ever come from it. But, after our win against New Trier West that afternoon, several of our players needed to get some money and other things from their parents. So, I went against my better judgment and let them go up in the stands. Lockport had this guy named Barbeauld, a Charles Barkley look-alike who was a power player. He had a dominant first quarter. Our kids were really intimidated by this guy. And it carried over into our game the next afternoon."

— Vergil Fletcher
Former Collinsville coach

I said to my staff, 'Let's call it a night, get a good night's sleep. We'll meet for breakfast in the morning and try to get a strategy worked out.' Then I went to bed.

"But one of my assistant coaches went out to a bar to unwind. Some guy from around Belleville, I think, bombed out of his gourd — recognized my assistant as a member of our coaching staff and started talking to him about Collinsville, saying he hated Collinsville and knew how to beat them. My assistant didn't pay any attention 'cause the guy could barely walk, let alone talk. But, finally, when the drunk asked him if he wanted to know how to beat Collinsville, my assistant figured out what the drunk said. He looked at the drunk and said, 'Sure, how do you beat Collinsville?'"

"You take the ball right at Stallings on the press," the drunk said. "Right," said my assistant, very sarcastically.

"No, really, you take the ball right at Stallings on the press. He thinks he can steal any ball within six feet of him. You'll get him in foul trouble and take him out of the game. It's worked twice this year, and it'll work for you guys, too. My assistant figured it was worth a try, and sure we couldn't come up with any other strategy, we gave it a shot."

"We went into the sectional game against Collinsville with strategy we got from a drunk in a bar at 1 a.m. and it worked!" Basarich concluded. Stallings drew three early fouls, then picked up a fourth, and was a non-factor the rest of the way. Only when Stallings went out of the game late in the fourth quarter and George took over the point on the press did Collinsville make its run that nearly caught the Tigers.

Vergil Fletcher was 747-171 in 32 years at Collinsville. But at least one of those losses he credits to letting his players go into the stands and see eight minutes worth of their next opponent.

Bob Basarich was 496-99 in 21 years at Lockport Central. But he credits one of his wins to a guy so drunk he could barely remember a couple things — he hated Collinsville and he knew how to beat the Kahoks.

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Granite City senior captain Vince Whittenburg is one of four Granite City players who will be in the MVCHA All-Star Game on March 22.

•Hockey

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highly successful season for the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association.

The Warriors topped the Southern Conference, comprised of teams from Belleville, Althoff, Belleville East, Belleville West, Cahokia, Collinsville, O'Fallon and Granite City.

The playoffs are currently underway, with the Southern Conference winner facing the Northern Conference winner on Sunday, March 16, at 6:15 p.m. The championship game will be played at the East Alton Ice Arena.

The Warriors faced Althoff at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Watch Wednesday's Journal for accounts of the game. The winner of Saturday's game meets Belleville West Monday at East Alton. The puck will drop at 7:45 p.m.

Activities with the All-Star game on March 22 also include the finals of the MVCHA skills competition.

Belleville West defeated Collinsville (3-1) and Cahokia (4-0) to advance to the third round of the winners bracket of the MVCHA double-elimination playoff for the Southern Conference.

The Maroons await the winner of Granite City and Belleville Althoff for a Monday evening game.

The winner of the game advances to the Southern Conference championship round; the loser must play through the losers bracket to reach that game.

Southern Conference

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Game 3: Collinsville vs. Belleville East.
Game 4: Cahokia vs. O'Fallon.
March 10
Game 5: Belleville West vs. Game 2 winner.
Game 6: Game 2 loser vs. Game 3 winner.
Game 7: Game 5 loser vs. Game 4 winner.
March 12
Game 8: Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 7:15 p.m.
March 14
Game 9: Game 5 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 4:30 p.m.
March 15
Game 10: Game 9 winner vs. Northern Conference Winner.



Granite City's Vince Whittenburg (left) and Greg Pritchard (right) will be joined in the MVCHA All-Star Game by Warriors-teammates Bobby Meszaros and goalie Robbie Slater. Granite City coach Paul Sollberger will coach the Southern Conference team.

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By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The St. Louis Rams were in a giving mood at Bethalto Civic Memorial High School Thursday night.

Nine team members — including Orlando Pace, Tony Banks and Isaac Bruce — traded spikes for sneakers and took to the basketball court to raise funds for the Civic Memorial football program.

The Rams battled the Raich All-Stars, a contingent of area coaches and CM alumni, coached by veteran Roxana football coach Charlie Raich.

The highlight of the evening was an autograph session at halftime, where thousands of youth and a few young-at-heart adults received scrawled signatures and the thrill of a lifetime.

"It's good to be able to bring so much joy to so many people," said 6-foot-5, 280-pound Rams defensive end Kevin Carter. "I remember when I was that age and saw professional athletes in person — I thought I was in heaven. But it's even a better feeling to be giving that feeling to kids."

"This is great," said CM football coach Rick Rinehart. "We hear so many bad things today about professional athletes. A lot of them just aren't willing to associate with people and to do things like this. Then something like this happens and it restores your faith in pro athletes. I'm simply in awe of how the Rams bent over backwards to help us."

Several Rams remained long after game's end to visit with fans and to sign a seemingly endless stream of shirts, programs, football cards and footballs — items that were brought into the gym carelessly, tucked under an arm or stuffed into a pocket, but which left as prized and carefully guarded as the Hope Diamond.

But the giving mood did not extend onto the basketball court, where the Rams routed the Raich All-Stars 106-58 before a delighted crowd estimated at nearly 1,500.

Isaac Bruce stood out clearly as the best athlete on the floor, bringing the crowd to its feet numerous times with his Jordanesque dunks and a steady stream of long-range 3-point shots.

But the best dunks of the night were turned in by Orlando Pace and Amp Lee.

Lee, 5-11 and 200 pounds, skied to the rim, which he grabbed with his left hand, lifting himself up and then slamming through the ball with his right hand.

Pace, 6-7 and 340 pounds, forced through a two-hander late in the second half. Afterwards, he hung on the rim, sparking a thousand oohs and aahs from the spectators and nearly giving CM athletic director Steve Caray a coronary.

"Although it didn't show tonight, I played a lot of basketball growing up. I play because it's fun. It was fun tonight. That's what it was all about. We wanted everyone — players and fans — to have a good time."

— Kevin Carter
St. Louis Rams player

The Rams also were represented by Dexter McCleon, Charlie Clemons, Aaron Laing and staff member Kerry Goode.

"I played a lot of basketball growing up," said Lee. "I played all through high school, but never in college. I worked out a lot with the basketball team at Florida State, and I had a workout last off-season with the (Minnesota) Timberwolves. So, I play quite a bit, and I enjoy it a lot."

"I enjoyed tonight. I love meeting people and I love playing the game. Plus, I love being part of a function that benefits kids."

For the Rams, it was all a night of fun, but a few on the Raich All-Stars were taking matters a bit more seriously.

"It's strictly street ball," said 6-3, 260-pound Aaron Laing. "We didn't take it too seriously, but some of the guys we were playing did. But, you throw a little body around and it straightens them out real quick. It's kinda like, you really don't want us to take this seriously. You really don't. So, let's just have fun."

And fun was the operative word on the night.

"It was really fun for everyone," said Charlie Raich. "You can see why those guys are high-paid professional athletes. They're faster, they're stronger, they're quicker than our fastest, strongest and quickest. You name it, they can do it. Notice how easily they took the ball away from our guys. And it's not even the sport they're the best at. I'm just glad that we had doctors on hand and that I was coaching instead of playing."

Like Raich, Carter was all smiles after the game.

"Although it didn't show tonight, I played a lot of basketball growing up," Carter said with a laugh. "I play because it's fun. It was fun tonight. That's what it was all about. We wanted everyone — players and fans — to have a good time."

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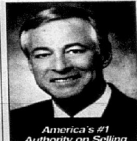
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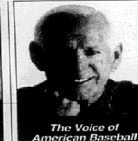
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The Granite City Public Library District joins the St. Louis Rams Reader Team for the "RAMtastic Readers" program.

Children in grades 3 through 8 may register for the program at either the main library of the Granite City Public Library District, 2001 Delmar Ave., or the Branch Library, 2145 Johnson Road.

Team members choose a book from the RAMtastic reading list created from suggestions by St. Louis Rams football players, cheerleaders, and even head coach Dick Vermeil.

After reading a book from the list, participants write a letter to the St. Louis Rams personality, explaining their likes and dislikes, favorite characters and favorite

moments in the story. Each time a Rams Reader Team member completes a book and writes a letter, he or she will receive a special limited-edition Rams trading card and be entered into a drawing for one of 250 pairs of tickets to a St. Louis Rams preseason game in August.

Six unique cards featuring Tony Danza, Isaac Bruce, Keith Carter, Keith Lyle, Orlando Pace, and Jeff Wilkins will be available. Readers who collect all six cards by reading six books and writing six letters will receive a certificate saluting them as a RAMtastic reader.

The Rams Reader Team was created in 1996 as collaborative effort of the St. Louis Rams, Outreach St. Louis, Inc. (the

American Radio Systems' non-profit charitable arm), and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. It is also sponsored by JC Penney.

The goal of the program is to increase awareness of the many exciting reading programs and services in the St. Louis Metro area, with specific focus on children and family literacy, and to generate excitement about reading throughout the younger population of Metro St. Louis.

Libraries from more than 20 counties in Missouri and Illinois will be participating in the "RAMtastic Readers" program.

For more information, call 452-6238 (main library) or 452-6244 (branch library).

Work on public building begins at Square

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

After two years of work, the community/public safety center at St. Clair Square is underway.

Crews began demolition work about two weeks ago and have begun putting up walls in the center, said St. Clair Square general manager Kelly Keahey. Work is scheduled for completion by early April, he said.

"This is the type of facility we've needed for a really long time, not only for the mall but for the whole business district," Keahey said. "It's also nice for the police department to have

to use as a kind of outlet."

Fairview Heights Police officers will be able to use the facility for report writing and business at the mall. In addition, a community room will be available for local groups to hold meetings and for other events.

The community room will hold 75-100 seats and has a small kitchen area to use, Keahey said. A locker room and storage facility will also be available for mall employees and Fairview Heights Police.

The center will be manned by St. Clair Square Security and will be open during mall hours.

'Kick' logo says much about reform group

Some logos get right to the point. "Swift kick in the buck" says it all about the newly formed Illinois Campaign for Political Reform.

The logo — a shoe booting a dollar sign — depicts the group's goal of reducing the group of big money in political

campaigns.

Co-chaired by former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon and Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra, the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform is a project of the League of Women Voters Education Fund.

For more information, call (312) 621-9050.

Search for SIU chancellor narrowed to two candidates

By Linda Wetli

Telegraph staff writer

SIU President Ted Sanders said Thursday that he intends to make an "agonizing" decision this weekend on who will become the next chancellor of the Carbondale campus.

Approval of the finalist is on the March 12 meeting agenda for the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees.

The board plans to meet in Carbondale.

"I'm down to very fine distinctions" between the finalists, Sanders said.

"I'm going to sit down this weekend and put a lot of paper on the wall. This is one of the most important decisions I am going to make this year. If not the most important decision, it's been hard to get any sleep for three weeks now. It's just consumed my time."

The field is down to two candidates, whom Sanders did not identify.

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Granite City WYSE

BAC photo by AMANDA DOYLE

The Granite City High School Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Team recently participated in the WYSE Academic Challenge held at Belleville Area College's Belleville Campus. Students who participated include, front row, from left: Melanie England and Steve Moss. Middle row: Cory Simpson, Cara Nighohossian, Lora Smallman and Stacy Ellis. Back row: Adam Schillinger, Tim Dittman, Tarra Falter, Sara Schwager, Laura Davis and Joe Herman. The competition included tests in math, English, chemistry, physics, biology, engineering graphics and computer fundamentals.

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pus of the two candidates, interviewing staff, students and others at the universities.

In January a search committee narrowed the field to the following four candidates for his consideration: Jo Ann E. Argersinger, provost at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County; Frederick J. Dobney, executive vice president and provost at Michigan Technological University; Scott G. McNall, provost and vice president for academic affairs

at California State University-Chico; and Luis M. Prenzica, vice president for research and dean of the graduate school at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

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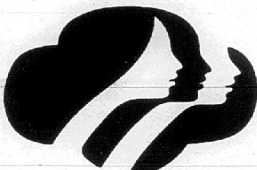
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The Rev. Carrie Cullen, center, blows out the candle on one of five given to her by the children of Central Christian Church.

Children throw surprise party for pastor

Nineteen children in the Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation surprised the Rev. Carrie Cullen with five cakes on her recent birthday.

Cullen will be leaving the local congregation shortly, to join her husband, Randy Knapp, in Cleveland. Knapp, a computer specialist, accepted the position of director of the

technology center for the Cleveland Sight Center. This is a center with different types of adaptable equipment and computers for training blind and visually impaired individuals.

Knapp, who has been blind since birth, is nationally recognized for his computer skills, and was one of 15 people invited by Microsoft to attend a

recent three-day meeting in the state of Washington to discuss adaptive technology for the future.

Bill Gates personally met with the group on Feb. 20.

April 12 (Easter Sunday) will be Cullen's final service with the local congregation. Additional information about the class can be obtained by calling 876-6532.

Church Women stress importance of UN aid

Millie Clements, the newly elected president of Church Women United, welcomed the members as she opened the business meeting on Feb. 26, at the Nameoki United Methodist Church.

Reports of projects sponsored by Church Women United were given by the chairpersons. One of the legislative concerns was that the United States should pay its dues to the United Nations which aids deprived people of the world.

Helen Stumpe said that family classes on reading and parenting skills are available. There is a need for simple, inexpensive hard-cover books

and word puzzles — they need not be new — that families can do together in their homes. Tutors are also in demand at BAC for those who cannot read.

Senior Services is searching for a church to give a birthday party to residents of Colonial Care for the month of March. Ministry to Women and Children has suggested items to be brought to the Church Women United monthly meetings. For March the committee would like to have paper products.

World Day of Prayer will be March 6 with the theme "Who is my Neighbor?" at 1 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Refreshments will follow. Liz Briggs is chairperson, Emma Jahick is making the arrangements, Murrel Kratz is the coordinator.

"Music, Music" will be from 2 to 4 p.m., April 19 at City Temple on Maryville Road. Tickets, priced at \$2 each, are being sold.

Community Care/Protestant Welfare is giving a barbecue on April 26 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. A quilt will be offered for raffle. The next meeting of the Church Women United will be at 10 a.m. March 26, at Nameoki United Methodist Church.

Ruth Group views film on Brazil

The Ruth Group of the Christian Women's Fellowship of Central Christian Church met at the church in February. A film showing what the church in Brazil is doing to make life better for the many poor people of the country was shown. A worship service was led by Helen Stumpe.

Doris Edwards, chairman, led the business session, the dates and places were given for the community Lenten services which begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25. This year

Lenten services will be held on Ash Wednesday evening and on the five Sunday evenings following with St. John U.C.C., St. Peter U.C.C. and Central Christian Church participating. Central Christian will have an Easter Prayer Vigil on April 8 and 9, a Maundy Thursday service on April 9 at 7 p.m. and an Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday.

Announcements were made also about the Rummage/Bake Sale on April 18 and the Church Women United "Music,

Music" program on April 19, at 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the City Temple.

The March meeting of the Ruth Group will be held at the home of Joyce Sawyer with Rev. Carrie Cullen as co-hostess.

Betty Ebrecht was hostess for the February meeting. Members attending were: Doris Edwards, chairperson; Betty Ebrecht, Lynda Leggett, Joyce Sawyer, Helen Stumpe, Geneva Butler and Sharon Calaway.

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Keep it running Demand is high for bus mechanics

By Steve Bryan

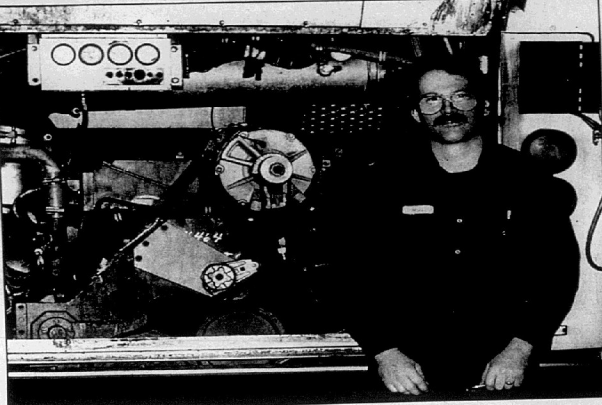
When considering a career in the public transportation industry, job seekers should remember that there are other jobs besides the obvious: bus drivers or light rail operators. There are many other employees who aren't quite as visible but are just as important. Some, for instance, give schedule times and bus route information over the phone to commuters.

Others make sure that buses are in good working order before they leave the company garage. Driving a bus on the streets each day puts a lot of wear and tear on a vehicle, damage that mechanics must repair daily.

The Bi-State Development Agency has many opportunities available for people interested in a career as a bus mechanic.

Anyone who enjoys working with their hands and doesn't mind a little grease under their fingernails should apply. Bi-State requires that mechanics have a high school diploma or GED and the ability to obtain a commercial driver's license during their training.

Mechanics must also pass a preemployment physical exam plus a drug and alcohol screening and, since buses run every



Bi-State bus mechanic Michael Royal is shown next to a bus engine that needs some routine maintenance. Royal works out of Bi-State's De Baliviere Garage.

"This time of year, we're going over the air conditioning units. When the summer hits, we have to fix them."

Michael Royal
bus mechanic

day of the year, he is willing to work weekends, holidays and various shifts.

A Bi-State bus mechanic must understand, of course, the major components of a vehicle such as the engine, drive train, brakes and elec-

tronic systems on the buses.

"This time of year, we're going over the air conditioning units," Royal said. "When the summer hits, we have to fix them. Buses are hard on air conditioners. People get on and off the bus all time, which makes them hard to air condition."

Other Bi-State mechanics rebuild engines at the main shop while some work at the electrical shop or body shop.

"At the De Baliviere Garage, we'll sometimes take out the old transmission, replace it with a new one and send the old one to the main shop, and they'll rebuild it," Royal said.

John Conroy photo

Look for career clothing that costs less

By Steve Bryan

Join a growing local business industry. You don't need a lot of money to start. You don't need a lot of experience. You don't need a lot of connections. You just need a good idea. That's the idea behind the new clothing store, "The Bulk of Our Stock is Consignment," which is located at 111 N. Kirkwood Rd. in Alton. The store is owned and operated by Elaine Westmore, owner of Resale Realty, 5 Stonegate Center.

Another option is resale shops. Resale shops are a great way for women to buy high quality, designer labels such as Carol Little and Ellen Tracy for much less than retail prices.

"My customers can come into the store with \$100 and come out with three or four outfits that they can wear to work," said Elaine Westmore, owner of Resale Realty, 5 Stonegate Center.

"An outfit means a business suit: dress, skirt and blazer with a blouse or a top with a matching skirt or pants. I also sell accessories. If they find the outfit here, they can find shoes to match, a purse to carry and jewelry to accessorize," she said.

Although "resale shop" might mean "old and junky" to some people, resale shops that cater to professionals accept only the best. These shops look much more like boutiques than thrift stores.

"This is our livelihood," said Karen Clark of Upscale Resale, 9939-A Manchester Road. "We want to make it pleasing for the customers. Our job is to sift through the items we receive and keep the good stuff."

"It becomes a very economical way to put together a great looking wardrobe at a great price. Everything at our stores are departmentalized and categorized," she said.

With her partners Robin and Patricia Rocchio, Clark owns and operates My Friend's Wardrobe, 111 N. Kirkwood Rd., in addition to Upscale Resale.

want to resell their used clothing. If an item is accepted and then sold, the consignor receives part of the money while the store keeps the rest.

"There's money in their closets. I have consignors who have been with me from Day 1," Westmore said. "A consignor will bring in clothing from her wardrobe because her size has changed, she's tired of the style or she's cleaning her closet."

"The bulk of our stock is consignment," Clark said. "At Upscale, we focus on the better quality labels. Everything accepted needs to be in excellent shape. We want items that are clean and on hangers."

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SCHOOLS

Academic Challenge



The O'Fallon Township High School Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Team recently participated in the WYSE Academic Challenge held at Belleville Area College. The competition included tests in math, English, chemistry, physics, biology, engineering graphics and computer fundemental. Students who participated included: from left, front row, Robert Laedlein, Nabihah Huq and Kevin Alford; second row, Amber Bowers, Joel Jordan, Shaun Hunter, Sean Lowery and Cecilia Ziniti; back row, Richard Surowiec, Adam Fulford, Jeff Stacey, James Poblete, Andrea Geoghegan and Ricky Rojas.



Students who participated from Belleville West included: from left, front row; James Lentz, Robin McGowan and Dan Eugia; second row, Courtney Stankey, Kristen Reh, Traci Werner and Brad Junker; third row, Nicky Monteith, Vingo Smith, Jared Kassebaum, Matt Nagel and Matt Simon; back row, Mike Boyne, Sean DonCarlos, David Wild, Will Irwin, Mike Weingartner and Kyle Leesman.



Students from Belleville East included: from left, front row, Blake Edwards, Jamie Esker and Justin Conley; second row, Chris Bergman, Leah Strobl, Elizabeth Capener and Michelle Campbell; third row, Charles Barratt, Sashi Mahtani, Matt Milton and Alex Briesacher; back row, Marc Giedman, Mark Kienlen, David Schnitt and Jeremy Papp.



Students who participated from Lebanon included: from left, front row, Nichole Bohnenstiel, Sabine Koebel, Sarah Pasek and Nathan Pierce; second row, James Shinevar, Alex Laurie, Jenn Christ, Keri Shake and Sarah Williams; back row, Greg Trame, Todd Morgan, Nick Bohnenstiel, Danny Pier and Nathan Ashcroft.

\$25,000 gift means sculpture for BAC

A specially commissioned Terry Karpowicz sculpture is being designed for the Belleville Area College Foundation, thanks to a recent \$25,000 gift from NationsBank.

Karpowicz, who was born in East St. Louis, now lives in Chicago.

"This new sculpture is going to be a wonderful enhancement to the campus," said President Dr. Elmer H. Kirchoff. "Terry Karpowicz is a well-known and respected sculptor, whose work is at numerous well-visited Chicago sites, including McCormick Place and the University of Illinois."

NationsBank Vice President Daniel A. Zitta of Highland said the bank wanted "to demonstrate our commitment to the college and the surrounding communities in a public way. I believe we have found an opportunity to make a statement."

This gift reflects the bank's longstanding commitment to education, as well. In 1997, NationsBank contributed more than \$10 million to education by matching associates' personal contributions, investing in community-based and secondary education, and supporting colleges and universities. NationsBank also allows its associates to volunteer in schools two hours a week on company time.

Zitta, himself a 1979 graduate of Belleville Area College, said the bank and its employees look forward to the April installation of the new Karpowicz sculpture.

Zitta presented the \$25,000 gift check to Foundation Board Chairman Richard C. May and Kirchoff.

"We are very grateful to NationsBank for this gift and for recognizing the value of making a lasting contribution to the college campus," May said.

The sculpture will be made of steel, granite and wood and will be installed on the east



BAC alumnus Eric Lindsey, right, and BAC Foundation board member Lucille Davis of Freeburg, stand in front of "Studio Buoy," the newest addition to the college Foundation collection.

lawn of the Belleville Campus. It will be the latest addition to an impressive, and growing, collection of artwork at the college. Private gifts to the Foundation have accounted for the development of the collec-

tion. Terry Karpowicz is an alumnus of Albion College and the University of Chicago. His work is displayed in numerous public and corporate collections.

Forum on chancellor finds Werner as No. 1

By Linda N. Wellert
Telegraph staff writer

Some 11 SIUE staff and faculty members showed up at a forum Monday afternoon to ask questions and express their opinions on the search for a new chancellor.

Many of those in attendance, however, said they already knew who they wanted to lead the current Chancellor David Werner.

One woman called him a "cream of the crop" candidate who is being overlooked as a result of campus politics from years ago.

Werner reiterated earlier Monday that he is not interested in the job but declined to elaborate on his reasons.

The Chancellor Search Committee is beginning its search to replace Nancy Belck, who left Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville last August to become chancellor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Committee chairman Jerry Pogatschnik said he understood that SIUE President Ted Sanders gave Werner an option last year when he was provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. To either take the chancellor's job until a permanent replacement is found or to remain in his provost position and apply with the rest of

SIUE

the pool of candidates.

"The issue of Dr. Werner is important and very personal. We're trying to go forward on the information we have," Pogatschnik said.

President Sanders was concerned that both here and in Carbondale, David Werner and (Chancellor) Donald Beggs not be given any preference in the search process," Pogatschnik said.

Pogatschnik said he did not think Werner was interested in the job. If so, discussion about Werner "is a moot point," said committee member John Borsa, assistant professor of educational leadership.

Pogatschnik said if an internal candidate was "waiting in the wings," it would "flavor" the work of the search committee.

"It's our job to develop guidelines and select the best candidate from those who apply for the position," he said.

Pogatschnik said the committee also will consider individuals who are nominated by someone else.

Another forum was held last week at SIUE's School of Dental Medicine in Alton; the search

committee held two forums Monday in Edwardsville. The final forum was held Wednesday at the University Center Faculty Club in Edwardsville.

Rudy Wilson, assistant provost and associate professor, said he was concerned that if Werner declines to take back his former job and leave SIUE, the top administrator would have only three years of experience at SIUE.

"We want a sense of history here," Wilson said.

Jacky So, professor of finance, said he wants the new chancellor to "share governance" with other administrators. Participants also suggested language changes in the committee's draft of a position description for the chancellor.

Pogatschnik said the committee will advertise this summer in the Chronicle of Higher Education and send out 1,500 letters to higher educational institutions requesting nominations for the position. The application deadline is Sept. 1.

Among qualities the committee lists in its draft description of the successful candidate are: a doctorate; leadership skills; vision; "a personality that is comfortable in maintaining high visibility and open dialogue on campus" and with "external constituencies" and integrity.

Computer workshops help SIUE housing residents

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Free computer workshops at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville are helping university housing residents use the latest technologies in their dormitory rooms.

Before this semester, residents at SIUE had access to computers only in busy labs at Woodland Hall and Cougar Vill-

lage. But after the August completion of Prairie Hall — the new residence hall under construction south of Woodland Hall and renovations at Cougar Village, all residents will have a

direct link to the campus network through their personal computers in their living units, said university housing director Mike Schultz.

"Data jacks currently in Woodland Hall allow residents instant access to the world through e-mail and the World Wide Web without using a modem and tying up telephone lines."

Tim Brown of SIUE's Office of Information Technology said: "There's a maximum of 30 people who can be connected at Woodland Hall either through modems or ordinary telephone calls. Residents don't realize they have this special jack and can use it."

Rather than operating by modem, the jack allows for use of an Ethernet card, which can be purchased at computer stores for about \$50.

The first student workshop, in January, focused on installing the necessary Ethernet cards into personal computers and configuring the computer systems to link to the campus network.

Many of the students who attended had recently brought computers from home after the Christmas break and were eager to get on-line.

Future programs will focus on using e-mail, personal web page creation and publication and features.